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November 18th. 1938.

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61 (Libel).

The "Lish Pao" published a public apology in the "Sin Wan Pao" and other local newspapers on November 16th.

The complainant when apprised of this fact sent to the Station a letter (attached) in which he expresses his desire to withdraw the charge.

Final Report forwarded.

(Sd.) Black.

D. S. I.

Sen. Det. i/c Louza.

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MOSQUITO PAPER TENDERS APOLOGY TO MR. ALLMAN

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D.O. "A"

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

File No.

S.5, Special Branch Station,

REPORT

Date November 11, 1938.

Subject..... Complaint against the "Lieh Pao" (力報) by Mr. N.F. Allman.

Made by..... and..... Forwarded by..... D.S. McKeown

On the morning of November 11, Mr. Paul Ru, Acting Municipal Advocate, gave a written opinion (attached) in connection with the complaint of libel submitted by Mr. N.F. Allman against the "Lieh Pao" (力報). Mr. Ru based his opinion of Police action being justified on the fact that the characters Allman (阿樂滿) correspond to the Chinese version of Mr. N.F. Allman's name (阿樂滿) (card attached), whereas the characters in the Chinese version of Mr. Roy Allman's name (羅亞阿樂滿) (Card attached) are more numerous.

(Sd.) F. McKeown

D. S.

D.C. (Special Branch).

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

File No. 1001
REGISTRY

S. S. Special Branch Station,

REPORT

Date November 7, 1938.

Subject Complaint against "Lieh Pao" by Mr. N.F. Allman

Made by and Forwarded by D.S. McKeown.

With reference to the attached letter from Mr. N.F. Allman, complaining against an article in the mosquito paper "Lieh Pao" (力報) of October 27, Hu Lieh-keng (胡力更), publisher of the paper, was interviewed at headquarters on the morning of November 7. Hu stated that the article in his paper was rewritten from two reports appearing in the "Hwa Mei Chen Pao" (華美晨報) and the "Kuo Chi Jih Pao Evening Edition" (國際日報) respectively of October 25 (translations attached). Apparently the "Lieh Pao" has made some additions and alterations to the original articles for which the publisher could give no explanation.

(Sd.) F. McKeown

D. S.

D. C. (Special Branch).

Hwa Mei Chen Pao dated October 25, 1938 (Hongkong telegram):-

The American liner President Coolidge, which was to have left Shanghai at 8.30 a.m. October 24, has been held up by the Customs authorities at the instance of the Japanese authorities. It is said that the ship has on board a large quantity of gold and silver from Hongkong and had taken on at Shanghai a further cargo of silver, valued at about U.S. \$4,500,000, belonging to the Chase Bank. This bullion aroused the covetousness of the Japanese.

The company owning the ship has reported to the American Consulate-General. Marines have been sent on board the ship to afford protection while negotiations have been opened with the Japanese authorities by Mr. Gauss, the American Consul-General. The ship may leave on the morning of October 25.

Whilst making enquiries on board the ship, an official of the American Consulate discovered that Mr. Allman, a well known lawyer, had stolen six leather cases from the Consulate and was trying to leave Shanghai secretly. Discreet enquiries are being made by the American Consulate to ascertain whether the cases contained important documents.

Suo Chi Jih Pao Evening Edition (12/1/33) dated
October 25, 1933 :-

CHARGE OF LARCENY AGAINST ALLMAN WITHDRAWN
BY COMPLAINANT

After stealing six leather cases from an American named "Li Tuh" (李土) yesterday morning, Mr. Allman, a well known local lawyer, boarded the President Coolidge at 3 p.m. the same day and attempted to leave Shanghai secretly. The owner of the property made a report in the afternoon to the American Consulate-General which immediately ordered the arrest of lawyer Allman.

Mr. Allman was arrested and escorted ashore by river policemen. It is said that the American Consulate ordered Mr. Allman to furnish a security of U.S. \$500, but as the complainant later withdrew the charge, this order was rescinded.

The leather cases taken by lawyer Allman are not worth more than \$70. Mr. Allman has informed foreign newspaper reporters that the affair has been settled and he will leave Shanghai by the President Coolidge as scheduled.

Lieh Pao (), a mosquito paper, dated October 27, 1938:-

THE AFFAIR OF MR. ALLMAN

The s.s. President Coolidge of the Dollar Steamship Company, an American concern, was held up because a large quantity of silver had been taken on at Shanghai for San Francisco. Reports about this affair have already appeared in various newspapers.

While the ship was detained, it was found that Mr. Allman, a well known American lawyer, who was one of the passengers, had stolen certain documents from the American Consulate-General. Mr. Allman was arrested by officers of the U.S. Court for China and later released on a bail of U.S. \$500.

Mr. Allman has practised in Shanghai for a long time and is known to many local residents. He is a responsible official of a certain Chinese newspaper which recently resumed publication as an American concern and it was Mr. Allman who effected its registration.

It is said that the documents which Mr. Allman stole from the American Consulate-General are not worth more than U.S. \$100. Why Mr. Allman should have stolen them is unknown. The case has become serious and it is hard to predict the result. The affair may possibly prove to be a blow to the Chinese newspaper mentioned above.

October 25, 1938.

Morning Translation.

Ta Mei Pao, Hwa Mei Chen Pao and Kuo Chi Jih Pao Evening Edition.

(Hongkong Telegram) :-

allegations against an American Lawyer

According to Chinese reports, when the American Consular officials were on board the s.s. President Coolidge to make an inspection, they discovered a well known American lawyer attempting to leave Shanghai secretly with six leather cases which he had stolen from the Consulate-General. Detailed enquiries are being made by the American Consulate-General to ascertain whether or not important documents were contained in these cases.

October 28, 1938.

Afternoon Translation.

CHINESE NEWSPAPERS APOLOGISE TO MR. ALLMAN

The "Ta Mei Wen Pao" dated October 27 published the following notice tendering an apology to lawyer Allman:-

"In the noon edition of this paper of October 25, an article was published under a heading stating that the case against a lawyer for the theft of trunks had been settled and that the complainant had withdrawn the charge. As this report is defamatory to the good name of lawyer Allman and was published through carelessness on our part and as actually lawyer Allman had absolutely nothing to do with the affair, we, therefore, openly admit the mistake and tender our sincere apology to lawyer Allman."

This notice also appears in the "Sin Wen Pao."

The "Hwa Mei Chen Pao" in its issue to-day also publishes an apology to lawyer Allman.

The "Kuo Chi Jih Pao" Evening Edition published an apology to lawyer Allman on October 27.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

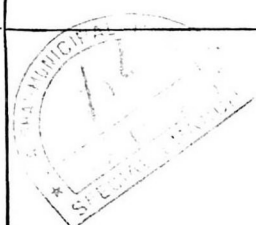


CRIME DIARY.

Crime Register No. **3821/38.**

REGISTRY
No. **"A" D.**
Date **Nov. 14th.** Division **19 38.**
House **62.** Police Station **62.**

Diary Number 1.	(Sheet No. 1.)	Nature of Offence:—	62. 62.
Time at which investigation begun and concluded each day	10.30 to 11 a.m. 14-11-38.	Places visited in course of investigation each day.	Yu Ya Ching Road. Office.

RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.

Place or description of premises.	"Lieh Pao" Newspaper.
Time and date of offence.	27-10-38.
" " " reported.	29-10-38.
Name, occupation and address of complainant.	Mr. N.F. Allman, lawyer, 208 Hamilton House.
Number of criminals with full individual description.	One male Chinese to be proceeded against by Summons: Hu Lieh Keng (胡力更) publisher of the "Lieh Pao" newspaper, house 3A lane 330 Yu Ya Ching Road.
Arrests.	Nil.
Classification of property stolen.	- Value \$
Classification of property recovered.	- Value \$
In cases of Murder or Suspected Murder points (a) to (d) should be answered. (a) Time and date body was discovered. (b) Position, appearance and marks on body. (c) Apparent cause of death. (d) Motive if known.	
Full Details of Method used in Committing offence. In cases of larceny, housebreaking etc., all the points (e) to (i) should be answered, if known. In all cases in which there is fraud, the false pretence and the character assumed by the suspect should be fully described. (e) Mode of entry, including manner of approach to premises. (f) Means used (tools etc.) (g) Character assumed by criminal, and story told, etc. (h) Mode of transport and description. (i) Peculiar act (poisoning dog, partaking of food etc.)	(E) Published a libellous statement in the "Lieh Pao" newspaper.  

CRIME DIARY NO. 1. (SHEET NO. 2)

- (j) What staff employed on premises ?
(k) Are they all "old" servants ?
(l) If not, what was their last employment and for how long ?
(m) What was their "characters" ?
(n) If any suspicion attached to any of them and if so, which one and for what reason ?
(o) Are old servants suspected ?
(p) Are friends and visitors above suspicion if not, who is suspected ?

Remarks

(Any outstanding or peculiar feature to be commented on by investigating officer).

On the 29-10-38 complainant wrote a letter to the Legal Dept. S.M.C. complaining that an article had appeared in the "Lieh Pao" newspaper on 27-10-38 stating that he had stolen six suitcases from the American Consulate. This he stated was false, he enclosed a copy of the newspaper. This letter was sent to Head Quarters and when the editor of the paper was interrogated by D.S. McKeown he stated that the article had been rewritten from articles appearing in the Hwa Mei Chen Pao (華美晨報) and the Kuo Chi Jih Pao, Evening Edition (國新日報) of 25-10-38, which mentioned Mr. Allman as having been arrested on the S.S. President Coolidge for the alleged theft of 6 suitcases from the American Consulate. This was reported in the Lieh Pao as being definitely Mr. N.F. Allman while actually it was Mr. Roy Allman.

The Chinese characters of the two names are different as shown by the business cards of the two people that of N.F. Allman being (阿樂滿律師) while that of R. Allman is (羅亞阿樂律師).

The accused in this case was called to the station and interrogated at 2 p.m. 14-11-38 he admitted that he was responsible for the notice but requested that he be permitted to make a public apology in his paper, Mr. Allman was communicated with and he requested that the man be sent down to him in order that he himself could

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

CRIME DIARY.

CRIME REGISTER No:—

.....Division.

.....Police Station.

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Diary Number:—

1/Sheet 3.

Nature of Offence:—

Time at which
investigation begun
and concluded each day

Places
visited in
course of
investigation
each day

RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.

draft the wording of the apology. The publisher was sent down to Mr. Allman's office and the application for Summons will be held up pending further instructions from the latter.

Det. Shaw
D.S.I.

Det. Shaw
Sen. Det. 1/c.

D.D.O. "A" Div.